

# WØMTL — Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News — WØKEM


## APRIL, 2010



# Happy Easter



*Well, the (Robin) tells us Spring is really here, and boy, are we ready for it!! They have been showing up by the hundreds!*

**Remember, "The Early Bird Gets the Worm"**   
So get out there and get those good DX's. Be sure to see NA9Q – Mike's DX article below.

### HARC OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT:** HOWARD BARNES, KØDFW  
**V-PRES:** LUAN SANDBERG, KC9PGS  
**SECRETARY:** FRED MILLER, KBØWIL  
**TREASURER:** TONY GILLILAND, WØPGL  
**TRUSTEE:** CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA  
**EDITOR:** BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP

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**Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday**  
**APRIL14, at 7:30 PM**  
**FCC VE TESTS AT AROUND 8:30 PM**

Regular Meetings are held at Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.

Enter at the main entrance; turn left through the lounge area to the elevator. Take the elevator down to the first floor, and go to your right/left around the corner, down the hall to the cafeteria.

### FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2010 Hannibal, MO ARC 2010 Exam Dates

**April 14th, 2010, July 14th, 2010,  
October 13th, 2010**

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Nursing Home, in the Cafeteria on the 1st (lower) Floor, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at [kb0wil@arrl.net](mailto:kb0wil@arrl.net) or 573-221-2429.

The 2010 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

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### HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET CALL LIST OF VOLUNTEER OPERATORS APRIL 2010

5	KDØHHN	DON
12	KØDFW	HOWARD
19	N9UPG	BILL
26	KB9VIS	BRIAN

**THANKS TO ALL!**

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## HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES



Minutes by: Fred-KBØWIL HARC-Secretary

Date: March 10th, 2010

### LOCATION:

Beth Haven Nursing Home, 2500 Pleasant St., Hannibal, Mo.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Howie-KØDFW

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion to approve: Ed-WA6JMR

Seconded by: Cliff-KØCA

### TREASURERS REPORT: Tony-WØPGL



Cash-\$1,029.05 CD-\$1,282.05 Total-\$2,311.10

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA

Seconded by: Howie-KØDFW

### REPEATER REPORT:

Fred-KBØWIL & Tony-WØPGL

The repeaters are sounding great. Tony-WØPGL found a bad order fan at the 146.880 repeater. A replacement fan was installed on 3-13-10.

### ARRL MEMBERSHIPS:

If you are a member of the ARRL, and renew your membership through the club, we receive a small portion of your renewal fee. If interested, contact Fred KBØWIL.

### AMATEUR RADIO ENHANCEMENT ACT SB1755:

Cliff-KØCA informed us tonight, about the AREA SB1755, it has passed in the senate, now in the house, waiting for a final vote. If you want to help out with this bill passing in the house, please click on this link. <http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/> The article explains how Amateur Radio licensees throughout the US can help support this legislation which would instruct the Secretary of Homeland Security to study the use of Amateur Radio in disaster relief and emergency communications, to identify unreasonable impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio communications, such as the effects of private land use regulations on residential antenna installations, and to make recommendations on whether the Telecommunications Act should be modified to prevent unreasonable private land use restriction that impair the ability of amateurs to conduct emergency communications

### K9P SPECIAL EVENT: MAY 1ST, 2010 (SATURDAY)

We will operate K9P again this year, at the Famous Redneck Retreat, Barry III.

Nancy & Carol-WA9EFV graciously will let us operate there. Carol-WA9EFV will be the head honcho, after he asks Nancy for approval.

The operating dates are April 30th-May 2nd. We will start operating at approximately 8:00AM, (13:00 ZULU) on Saturday morning.\*

We are now listed in the ARRL 1X1 call sign section, and will also be in the May QST magazine special event section.

We voted to pay for the bus fuel, (\$40.00) from Quincy, IL to the Redneck Retreat, if Luan-

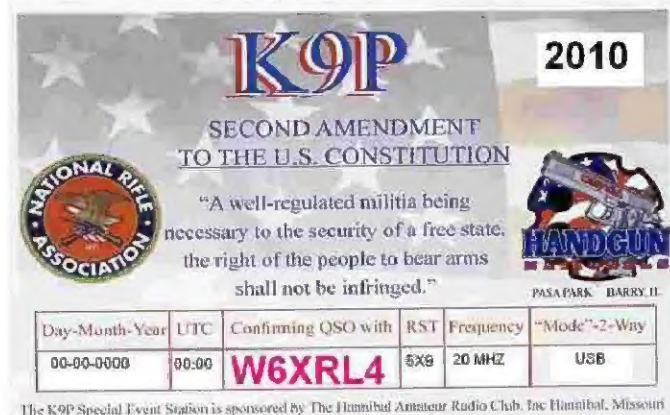


KC9PGS can bring the kids in her 3rd grade class over to the K9P event.

Motion to approve: Howie-KØDFW

Seconded by: Cliff-KØCA

Following is a sample of the K9P QSL card



#### FIELD DAY JUNE 26TH-27TH 2010:

We will be operating again this year at Huckleberry Park, here in Hannibal Mo. Start time will be 8:00 AM local time or 13:00 ZULU. We will have more details in future newsletters, as to how many stations we will be operating, antennas, etc. Plan on attending, and help us set up the equipment, and or operate, SSB or a CW station. Fred-KBØWIL has reserved the Pavilion for both days.

#### BREAKFAST CLUB PICNIC: JULY- 2010

The BC picnic will be on July 16, 17, and 18th, 2010. It will be here in Hannibal Mo. Contact Carol-WA9EFV, Tony-WØPGL, or J.D-WØAJD if your interested in attending or helping with the activities. More information will be forth-coming in future newsletters. The BC picnic information is available on the clubs website, main page, under 2010 BC Picnic Info.

#### HARC CLUB BARBEQUE: JULY 31ST, 2010 (SATURDAY)

We will be having our annual club barbeque on Saturday July 31st, at the Huckleberry Park Pavilion, same location as last year. We will discuss in more detail in upcoming meetings as to start time. As usual it

will be a carry in of a side dish, deserts, cookies, cakes, salads, etc of the HARC members. The barbeque is for HARC members, and their families only. Fred-KBØWIL has taken care of the reservations for the pavilion.

#### QUINCY HAMFEST AUGUST 7TH, 2010:

The WIARC Hamfest will be on Saturday August 7th, 2010. Plan on attending and help support this great Hamfest.

#### REDNECK RETREAT ANNUAL PARTY SUNDAY AUGUST 8TH, 2010:

The world famous get-together at the Redneck Retreat will be held again this year. Carol will be there, but Nancy is in charge. So, if you have any important questions, \*\* Please ask Nancy first, Coonie second, and Carol as the last resort.

50/50: Won by Ed-WA6JMR

VE-Testing on April 14th, 2010: Next month, directly after our club meeting, approximately 8:30 PM. If you want to take an exam, contact Fred-KBØWIL, HARC-VE Liaison.

\* A special Thank You to Luan-KC9PGS for bringing some great cupcakes and drinks to tonight's meeting. They were very delicious.

Number of members present: 11

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#### ARRL Field Day: 2010 Field Day Packets Now Available

It's that time of year again -- time to start gearing up for ARRL Field Day, June 26-27, 2010! ARRL's flagship operating event -- always held the fourth full weekend in June -- brings together new and



experienced hams for 24 hours of operating fun. Field Day packets are now [available for download](#) and include the complete rules (including changes for 2010), as well as other reference items such as forms, ARRL Section abbreviation list, entry submission instructions, a Frequently Asked Questions section, guidelines for getting bonus points, instructions for GOTA stations, a kit to publicize your event with the local press and more.

*\*Copied from article in ARRL March 2010 Newsletter  
By ARRL News Editor S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA*

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK  
FEBRUARY 2010  
BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW**



Spring has sprung! The days are getting longer and the DX is getting better and we can finally put those old winter blues behind us. This winter, seems to me, to have been a long drug out one with a lot of moisture in the form of snow, and one good thing that we haven't been blessed with is "ice storms". We have been very fortunate to have missed the ice. There is nothing worse than ice. You can't shovel it out of your way, and it sticks to power lines. Man, I am sure glad we have missed the ice!

Well, Easter is upon us once more, and this is the time of the year that we Christians celebrate the "rising up" of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! He was crucified on the cross and placed in a tomb, and in three days he arose to fulfill the prophecy.

He died for you and me so that we may be forgiven of our sins, and his spirit lives on so that we may be accepted into heaven. Amen!

This is also the time of year for families to get together and have a large meal and celebrate the season, and of course watch the little ones in the families finding that the Easter Bunny came, and left them eggs and candy, and Easter wouldn't be Easter without the outside Easter egg hunts. Kids really get a kick out of them, and I get a kick out of watching them hunting for the eggs!

Dayton Hamvention is coming up May 14, 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>, and if you haven't got your tickets, you need to look the Hamvention up on Google and order your tickets today, and get your rooms reserved. This is going to be one of the first year's that I am not going. My son Colten is having his 5th grade graduation. Some people try to tell me that he wouldn't miss me if I wasn't there, and on my way to Dayton, but there is some things in life that you just don't miss. My son Colten is a really good kid, and he really works hard at his studies with his mom's and my support. He is a straight "A" student, and his parents are very proud of his accomplishments, and you would have to drag me off with a team of mules to miss it. So Dayton will be there next year and the good Lord willing so wills me. This is the first Dayton hamvention that I have missed since 1992. The Hamvention isn't as big as it was before the internet and Ebay and QRZ came along but it still draws close to 20,000 hams, and if you ever have seen 20,000 hams in one spot that is a bunch. I remember the biggest Hamvention where they had, if I remember right, 36,000 hams there, and you couldn't turn around, but man the "deals" were there in force. You could really find some good buys.

Field Day is fast coming upon us, and I am still looking for CW operators to run the CW station that we will be running. I also need SSB operators too! So don't be shy. Come on out and have some fun, and run the mics. Lets see if we can be First Place in Missouri like we were last year! We had a good time last year, and I am looking forward to it this year as well. So mark it down on your calendar, and be there or be square!

Our next meeting is April 14, and if I have all my taxes filled out by then, I will be there in force. Ready and kicking. If anyone has a short program or something that they would like to "show and tell", I am looking for you. Let me know. It would be



nice to have some short programs at times for the club.

Sorry I have held up the newsletter this time.... I have been really super busy with some projects and haven't had enough hours in the day.

73s Howard K0DFW

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## DX Horizons

March 2010

by Mike Nowack NA9Q



## DX Notes



NOTES: Spring is definitely in the air now and with it the end of the winter DX season. It is time to think about longer openings in the daytime on the higher HF bands and fewer hours of good conditions on 40M and 80M. The 20M band will be staying open later and give those who can't get into the shack until after dinner a chance to taste the good DX. Also it is a good time to start planning for those long delayed antenna projects you dreamt about all winter.

Thus far this year I have suggested several ways to improve the rate of return on your QSLing activities. This month I will wrap up my discussion of this matter with a few miscellaneous ideas for you. The first is the use of foreign postage stamps to include with your outgoing direct mail QSL card. Instead of including a couple of green backs or IRC's, some DX'ers have gone to the trouble of acquiring foreign postage stamps for the DX operator to use in

returning his card to you. This can be time consuming and will require some research on your part to find a source and to make sure you include the correct amount of postage. But in cases where all else has failed, the effort will increase your odds of getting his card in return. I would reserve this method for those cases where earlier attempts using \$\$ or IRC's have failed (or where IRC's are not accepted) and the card is highly desired. There are several sources for foreign postage stamps but the two I see referenced most often are:

James E. Mackey, K3FN  
PO Box 270569  
West Hartford, CT 06127  
Phone: (860) 521-7254  
[k3fn@aol.com](mailto:k3fn@aol.com)

William J. Plum  
Airmail Postage & DX Supplies  
12 Glenn Road  
Flemington, NJ 08822  
Phone: (908) 788-1020  
[plumdx@msn.com](mailto:plumdx@msn.com)

<http://users.net1plus.com/ryoung/index.htm>

These two sources are accustomed to working with DX'ers on their needs and can supply foreign postage in small quantities. They also have European size envelopes and special nesting envelopes available. The nesting envelopes are nice as these eliminate the bulge that results when folding the return envelope to insert into the mailer. This adds another level of security as the bulge can sometimes signal a foreign postal worker that something of value is inside.

Another suggestion is to include something of a personal nature such as a short note, a photograph or a picture postcard of some local attraction. The note might simply say how much you enjoyed the QSO that took place, or offer a greeting to the DX'er and his family with wishes for their good health. The postcard or note can usually be included without exceeding the 1 ounce weight limit for one unit of airmail postage.

NEWS: A5-Bhutan. Steve W7VOA will be active from Thimpu from April 23 until May 1. Call sign is to be A52SW. He will operate CW and SSB on



80M-10M. As this is a working trip he will be mainly operate local evenings and weekends. QSL K2AU.

JD-Ogasawara: A team of five ops led by K8AQM will activate this island beginning 28 March through April 12. QSL JD1BNJ, JD1BNK, JD1BNM, JD1BNQ to K8AQM. JD1BNN goes to JF3MYU. Activity on all bands 160M to 10M CW, SSB, RTTY. KH0-Marianas: JH0MGJ will activate Saipan as AL5A/KH0 from 24 to 26 April using CW and SSB 80M-10M. QSL to JA7JEC.

XV-Vietnam: OH4MDY is active until April 6 as XV2RZ 80M-10M. QSL to home call direct only.

3B8-Mauritius: There will be two independent operations from here in April. DL6UAA will again activate 3B8MM starting April 4 for 3 weeks. He will be on 160M-10M. Activity will be heavy on CW but with some SSB and digital. QSL to Home call. Additionally, SP2JMB will also operate from here April 7-14 as 3B8SC, CW only. QSL via home call.

A7-Qatar: Special event station A71RCAR will be active April 4-6 to celebrate the 2010 Regional Conference on Amateur Radio. QSL to the Qatar Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 22122, Doha, Qatar.

CY0-Sable: There is word that Randy, N0TG is planning a fall expedition to this rare NA Island. Look for an October time frame operation. Sable is a Canadian Island located in the St Lawrence channel where it meets the Atlantic. I think it has been some years since anyone has operated from Sable and should be of interest to many in the area.

PJ5-St Eustatius: This Island, a part of the Netherlands Antilles will likely become a separate DXCC country with upcoming political changes. This will take place in the fall months and W8GEX and AA4NN are already planning to activate the new one at the time of the changes. A multi op crew with a minimum 10 day stay and 24/7 operation should give all of the deserving a chance to work this new one.

T30-Western Kiribati: Look for JA1XGI/W8XGI as T30XG or T30/T32XG in early June for about 1 week. Activity will be CW and digital on 40M-6M. QSL to JA1XGI.

VP8-Falklands: M0PCB is active now through April 7 mainly on 15M using VP8FIR and VP8RAF. QSL to the home call.

ZL7-Chatham: Kaz, ZL3JP will be active from this rare island April 28 to about May 3 using ZL7J. Plans are for CW and SSB on 160M-10M. QSL to JH1HRJ.

ZM8-Marion: Recent operations by ZS8M are bogus. Slim is indeed alive and well. The real ZS8M operator is now undergoing training in Cape Town for his long stay on Marion. He will not be active until at least May 15. There will be a public announcement prior to the start of his operations.

That is the highlights for this month. Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletins, the OPDX Bulletin and the 425eng Bulletin. Remember, 'Work 'em first and worry later'.

Mike NA9Q

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### WA9EFV MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Carol is greatly deserving of this award, he has always contributed a lot to our club. Congratulations and thanks Carol.

FRED KB0WIL, HOWARD K0DFW, CAROL WA9EFV







**LUAN-KC9PGS – VICE PRESIDENT, 2010 HARC**



# Happy Easter

## **LUAN-KC9PGS & HER 3RD GRADE CLASS STUDENTS**

If you have been on the 14625 machine lately at the appropriate time, you have been privileged to hear some young voices on the air. Luan KC9PGS, our club VP, has been introducing her 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class students to the world of ham radio. From what I hear, the children are enjoying it immensely. I enjoyed hearing the excitement in their voices, as they talked with the local ham operators. Tune in for more from the youngsters. Plans are being made for the children to come by bus to the K9P SPECIAL EVENT: MAY 1ST, 2010. I bet they will be pushing that microphone button as well as anyone. Hopefully it will work out as it will be very costly, so if you can help out, contact Luan. Plan on being there to meet the 'future hams' and to join in the fun of the K9P special event.



First row: Nalayja, Tucker, Destiny, Kirsten, Shaqualla  
Second Row: Matthew, Jacob M, Shi Ann, Danielle, Kaelan,  
Alex Very Back: Jamie, Thomas Not Pictured: Jacob L, Trevor,  
Jeanna, A'Vae, Cameron, Ryanna



Danielle is speaking on the mic



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